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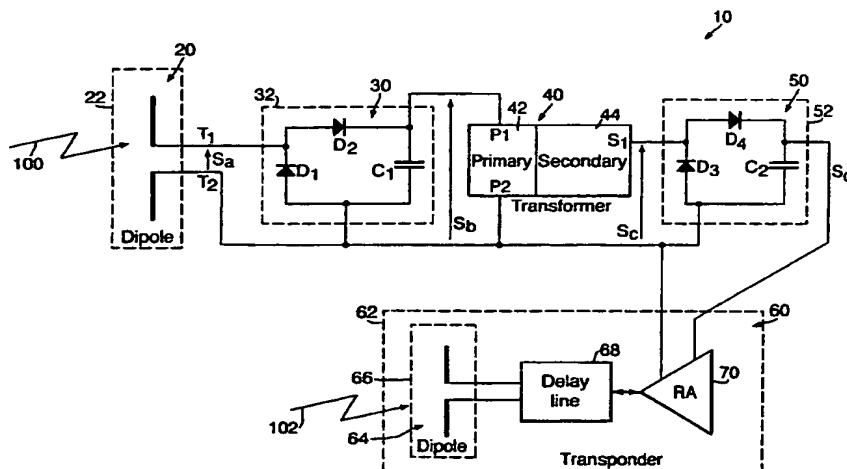
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(57) Abstract: The invention provides a piezo-electric tag (10, 300) in the form of a card, the tag (10, 300) incorporating a first dipole antenna (20), a first rectification circuit (30), a piezo-electric transformer (40), a second rectification circuit (50) and a transponder circuit (60). In operation, the antenna (20) receives incoming radiation and generates a corresponding signal S_a which propagates to the first circuit (30) which demodulates and filters it to generate a signal S_b . The signal S_b is applied to the transformer (40) to excite it. The transformer (40) increases the voltage amplitude of the signal S_b by generating a relatively higher voltage amplitude signal S_c which is used in the tag (10, 300) to generate a signal S_d for supplying power to the transponder (60). The transformer (40) provides voltage magnitude enhancement to generate potentials suitable for operating active electronic circuits incorporated into the tag (10, 300). The tag can be personnel wearable and even adapted for permanent inclusion into biological systems.

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